

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM

As the State grows and mobility needs multiply, alternative forms of transportation are an important part of the overall system. Two alternative forms involve bicycling and walking. Designing infrastructure for, and otherwise encouraging, bicycling and walking, can reduce congestion and pollution to the roadway network, and increase the health and quality of life to the individual.

To address transportation issues as they affect bicycle and pedestrian travel the NHDOT formed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Board (BPTAB) to discuss, evaluate, and promote issues related to pedestrian and bicycle mode of travel. This Board is comprised of State agencies, the Federal Highway Administration, Regional Planning Commission representatives, and bicycle enthusiast groups including the Granite State Wheelmen and Seacoast Area Bicycle Routes. The Board along with the NHDOT has planned and hosted annual Bike/Walk Conferences over the last five years.

Accomplishments to date include developing and distributing detailed maps of designated Statewide bicycle routes, promoting studies and projects that will enhance the Statewide bicycle system, and providing feedback on highway and transit related projects that enhance the projects in terms of better accommodating bicyclists and pedestrian needs.

Of great benefit to the State's increasing awareness of the value of bicycling and walking, and actually improving the infrastructure for these alternative means of transportation has been the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program and the Federal Congestion Management and Air Quality Program. Both programs allocate federal highway funds for enhancing alternative transportation infrastructure and improving air quality – goals that often involve construction specifically geared toward pedestrian or bicycle travel.

About \$3 million per year has been obligated for bicycle and pedestrian projects, funded by the Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programs. Of this \$3 million, approximately \$2.4 million is Federal Highway Funds, \$0.1 million is State Funds, and \$0.5 million is local match (municipalities, interest groups and associations, etc.).

STATEWIDE REGIONAL BICYCLE ROUTE MAPS



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Website: www.nhbikeped.com

The current Statewide Regional Bicycle Route Maps were developed in May of 2002. Eight detailed maps, as shown in the highlighted tourist regions, were created based on the State's 7 tourist regions. Due to urban density the Merrimack Valley region was split into two maps. These maps can be obtained by contacting the NHDOT Bureau of Transportation Planning. They are also available on the web at the address shown above.

Legend

Great North Woods Region

White Mountain Region

Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Region

Lakes Region

Monadnock Region

Seacoast Region

Merrimack Valley Region North

Merrimack Valley Region South

